

Attorney Docket # 4925-100

Serial No. 09/752,127
Amdt. dated February 26, 2005
Reply to Final Rejection dated December 29, 2005**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**


The Final Rejection mailed December 29, 2004 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Before the present Amendment, Claims 1-82 were pending, with Claims 1, 11, 22, 33, 35, 37, 51, and 69 being in independent form. In the present amendment, independent Claims 1, 11, 22, 33, 35, and 37 are being amended to recite the limitations of Claims 9, 19, 32, 34, 44, and 43, respectively. Claims 5, 8-9, 15, 18-19, 26, 29, 32, 34, 43-44, and 51-82 are being canceled without prejudice, and dependent Claims 6-7, 16-17, 20, 27-28, and 30 are being amended to conform with the changes made to the independent claims. After the present Amendment is entered, Claims 1-4, 6-7, 10-14, 16-17, 20-25, 27-28, 30-31, 33, 35-42, and 45-50 will be pending, with Claims 1, 11, 22, 33, 35, and 37 being in independent form. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Final Rejection is requested on the basis of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In the December 29, 2004 Final Rejection, the Examiner objected to Claims 8, 9, 18-20, 29, 30, 32, 34, 43, and 44 as being dependent on rejected base claims, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, the limitations of dependent Claims 9, 19, 32, 34, 44, and 43 have been added to independent Claims 1, 11, 22, 33, 35, and 37. Because the Examiner has indicated that the combination of limitations recited in amended independent Claims 1, 11, 22, 33, 35, and 37 are allowable, withdrawal of the Final Rejection and allowance of all presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

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